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Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

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\$10,000 Donation for Pinal County Work

By Jeff Axel

Edited by Margaret Styles

The Anza Trail began as a sinuous line on a historian's map. Support from trail partners are turning that line into a continuous trail on the ground. With southern Arizona's huge development boom, now is the time to ensure the trail is incorporated into county plans and becomes a part of housing developments. Many developers see the value of an historic tie to the area's past. One company that understands this is Pulte Homes.

On June 2, 2006, Pulte Homes donated \$10,000 to the Anza Trail Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation who supports work on the Anza Trail. The money will be used to help create a volunteer group in Pinal County and create interpretive exhibits. This volunteer group and the exhibits will help the National Park Service (NPS) keep pace with the fast growing population and developments that are being planned for Pinal County.



Jeff Axel and Anza Trail Foundation President, Steve Anderson, at Pulte Homes dedication

Pulte worked with County Commissioner Mary Aguirre-Vogler, the sole Pinal county member of the Anza Trail Coalition (ATC). She knows that Pinal is one of the fastest growing counties in Arizona and wants to make sure the developers know about the historic trail. An important part of the Anza Trail management strategy is establishing a trail on the ground with the cooperation of the developers building near the trail corridor.



Mary Aguirre-Vogler, stellar Anza Trail advocate, and Jeff Axel

Pulte Home's 'Red Rock Village' community, near Picacho Peak State Park, is a planned development that will include a two mile recreation trail through the area. The NPS Anza Trail staff will help provide interpretive signs about the Anza Expedition along trail. Many of the streets will feature names from people who joined Anza. ❖

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National Park Service

From the Superintendent



Stanley C. Bond

The Anza Trail has much to celebrate on this 230th anniversary of the founding of the San Francisco Presidio and Mission San Francisco de Assisi.

Vladimir Guerrero's new volume, *The Anza Trail and the Settling of California*, is an exceptional addition to books on early California and Arizona history. The historical experiences of the Anza Expedition are told through the journals of Juan Bautista de Anza and Father Pedro Font. *The Anza Trail* is a readable and exciting introduction to the Anza Expedition for novices and scholars alike.

After 28 years, the Tubac Center of the Arts in Arizona's Santa Cruz County is resurrecting the children's play *How Far, Felipe?*, based on the book of the same name. Throughout the summer children from the Santa Cruz area will be recreating the masks, costumes, and other stage props based on past play performances. This program will culminate on July 13 with the participants performing *How Far, Felipe?*

On June 2, Pulte Homes presented a check for \$10,000 to the new Anza Trail Foundation to fund volunteer projects in Pinal County. We are working diligently on general and site-specific interpretive signs for several sites along the Anza Trail.

Please let us know if you have trailhead or interpretive locations in your community where you might like to install Anza Trail signs. We are also producing driving trail signs for Arizona and hope to begin placing them along the designated driving route in the very near future. We have many other outstanding projects that we will be

sharing with you throughout the year.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of the partners, volunteer groups, communities, agencies, and landowners who truly comprise the Anza Trail. Without your dedication and hard work the Anza Trail would still be only a dream and not the reality it is today. We still have many more miles to go, and I look forward to working with all of you towards our goal of a continuous, multi-use recreational trail from Nogales to the San Francisco Bay area.

¡Muchos Gracias! ❖

National Trails System Program

National Scenic Trails Workshop
October 11-13, 2006 in Nashville, TN
Contact Kent Wimmer (850) 523-8576 or
kwimmer@fs.fed.us

National Trails Symposium
October 19-22, 2006 in Davenport, IA
www.americantrails.org/quad/index.html

Trails for All Americans publication on-line
www.nps.gov/nts/publications.html or
www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/helpfultools/trailsforall.pdf

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December 1 for January issue
March 1 for April issue
June 1 for July issue

Along the Trail

Desde San Gabriel Hasta Santa Bárbara, CA

April 21

The Royal Presidio of Santa Bárbara celebrated its founding. The following quote is the end of the speech presented that day by Jim Martinez, who portrays Ortega with the Los Soldados.

"On that day of so long ago in April of 1782, the crown of Spain planted the cross and royal standard of her last military garrison in Alta California. El Real Presidio de Santa Bárbara forty years later on April 13, 1822, would cede the crown of Spain to the new Republic of Mexico."



For complete speech, see the web link listed below.
<http://www.sbthp.org/soldados/StBarbara/articulos/san%20gabriel%20to%20santa%20barbara.htm>



The mission receives the National Historic Landmark status in a dedication ceremony with local, state and federal officials and period music.

Congressional Gold Medal Awarded to Anza Trail Volunteer Jeff Lyon

Washington, DC

June 21

Eagle Scout, Jeff Lyon, received the Congressional Award at a special presentation on Capitol Hill. His Eagle Scout project was marking the Anza Trail through Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa in Santa



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National Park Service Assistance Programs

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA)

Works with community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribes or tribal governments, and local, state, and federal government agencies to achieve locally-defined goals for natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation. RTCA vision is a network of parks, rivers, trails, greenways and open spaces that promote quality of life and links people to their natural and cultural heritage.

For projects between October 2006-September 2007, applications are due August 1, 2006.

Contact Barbara Rice at (510) 817-1449.

Challenge Cost Share Program (CCSP)

Provides matching fund amounts to facilitate joint projects of NPS units, other NPS programs, and their partners. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/ccsp/

Land and Water Conservation Fund (SWCF)

Provides 50% matching grants to state and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Grants are administered through the states and are contingent on annual appropriation. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/lwcf/

Federal lands to Parks

Helps state and local agencies acquire, at no cost, surplus federal land and facilities for parks and recreation. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/flp/

Cultural Resources

The NPS administers a number of very successful federal historic preservation funding programs. Information about grants, tax credits and other forms of assistance can be found by visiting www.cr.nps.gov/helpyou.htm

Along the Trail

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Monica Mountains NRA. Jeff has adopted this trail segment to maintain the post markers for years to come. Congratulations Jeff and thank you!



Pasados del Presidio

San Francisco, CA
June 27-30

Celebrating the 230th birthday of the San Francisco with presentations, lectures, kid's activities, and a free Fandango concert performance.

Anza Trail Coalition

Pima County, AZ

Interpretive signage installed overlooking Sentinel Peak at the Santa Cruz River between Congress and 22nd St. Secondary road signage project completed with 43 signs along 60 miles of road (Mission & Silverbell). Continuation of the *La Gente del Presidio* program at La Casa Cordova on Saturdays starting in October (sponsored by the Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation, Tucson Museum of Art & Historic Block, and the Anza Trail Coalition - Pima County Council).

Paso Robles & Atascadero River Parkways Project, CA

June Report

The Paso Robles section is really taking shape with weeds being pulled, trail sections being cleared and leveled, decomposed granite being laid, and some revegetation. Expected completion in October. Photo show future trail site near the confluence of Atascadero Creek and Salinas River.



Campsite #75

Santa Barbara, CA

Vie Obern recently showed Margaret Styles the sign marking the Anza campsite at Rincon Beach County Park. Vie was very instrumental in establishing the marker and planning the dedication ceremony for February 24, 2005, 229 years after Anza camped in the same spot. The expedition members walked 27 miles that day. ❖



Missing Anza Paintings

This painting of Anza's expedition was done by Phoenix-area artist Theresa Potter around 1977. It is part of a series that appears to be based on the 1976 Bicentennial reenactment, since some of the people who participated were used as models. The paintings show a chronology of the 2nd Anza expedition from start to finish. The artist is now deceased. Photographs of all 15 paintings exist, but the whereabouts



of the originals remain unknown. Most likely, they were on display in an Arizona bank in the late 1970s, but have since slipped into obscurity.

If you have seen these or know how to track the full set down, please contact Greg Bernal-Mendoza Smestad at smestad@solideas.com or (415) 979-8730.

In the Footsteps of Anza

By Dick Overturf

Edited by Margaret Styles

On April 18-19, a small group of Anza expedition descendants and enthusiasts rode horses and mules in Anza's footsteps along upper Coyote Canyon in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park from Vern Whitaker Horse Camp to Bailey's cabin.

Phil Valdez, Jr. was seeing Coyote Canyon for the first time on his 70th birthday. But his eighth generation grandfather, Juan Bautista Valdez, saw Coyote Canyon on the back of his horse many times.

Valdez was a Soldado de Cuera (leather jacket soldier). In 1769, he was on the Portolá expedition to San Diego, and, in 1773, he carried official expedition orders from the viceroy in México City to Anza at the Presidio of Tubac, Sonora (now Arizona). He was a courier for Anza on the 1774 Exploratory Expedition and accompanied Anza

from the Presidio of Tubac to the Mission San Gabriel (near Los Angeles).

Valdez carried Anza's 1774 diary hundreds of miles, via Coyote Canyon, and safely delivered it to Viceroy Antonio Maria Bucareli y Ursua. The diaries announced the success of the expedition and set the stage for Anza's colonization expedition the following year. Anza described Phil's ancestor in his diaries as a "correo extraordinario" (extraordinary courier).

Greg Bernal-Mendoza Smestad, Ph.D., joined Phil on foot for the first part of the trip. He is an eighth generation descendant of several colonists and families of the 1775-1776 Expedition. Greg recorded a number of sounds the group heard along the trail to update the audio CD that accompanies the recently published "A Guide to the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail." (see sample on pg. 7)



Phil Valdez, Jr. (on mule), Greg Bernal-Mendoza Smestad (left) and author Dick Overturf (right). Photo: Mrs. Sidne Overturf

Joe Myers, Ph.D., packed copies of the diaries written by Anza, Garcés, Diaz and Font to share during the trip. Joe, along with Phil, is a board member of the Anza Society. He lives in Durango, Colorado, and is a retired chemist.

Bill Colvin brought the saddle and pack horses, and served as master packer and cook extraordinaire! He is a retired university professor from Chico, California.

Dick Overturf was the Vern Whitaker Horse Camp host and provided the mules. Dick is an Anza Society member.

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Sitting upon the same ground as Anza, the entire group spent the night and morning hours discussing and debating the expedition diaries and the experiences of the expedition members. What was it like to pack and unpack 165 mules every day? How much dust did the soldiers and civilians inhale? How could a woman give birth one day and be back in the saddle the next? Imagine what it was like to hear Anza shout "¡Vayan subiendo!"



Lower Willow Trailhead. Photo: Greg Smestad

(Everybody mount up) as soon as the pack train was ready to move forward and continue the journey to a new land.

Upon passing the First White Child Monument (placed by the California Centennial Commission), the group commented on the inaccurate information engraved on the plaque. For many years, the birth of Salvador Ygnacio Linares was believed to be the first non-native American born in Alta California. The monument also states that Anza came from western México, when, in fact, the expedition came from New Spain.

Also discussed were the burial locations of Anza (Arizpe) and Font (Pitiquito), and the units of

measurements such as the League, Palmo and Vara. It was noted that Padre Font wrote in his diary about the "Hediondilla" (little stinker) as a worthless plant weed, when in fact the creosote plant or greasewood (*Larrea tridentata*) was a veritable medicine chest for Native Americans.

On April 19, 2006, Phil and Dick returned down Coyote Canyon to Vern Whitaker Horse Camp, exactly 232 years since the day Phil's ancestor,

Valdez, traveled down the canyon enroute to México City with the expedition's diaries. He averaged 50 miles a day on horseback on his way to the capital of New Spain. The "correo extraordinario" was carrying the diaries of Anza, Garcés, and Díaz's.

Everyone who participated in the ride was struck with the sense of history the trail provides. Going up Coyote Canyon and discussing the diaries around a campfire made the Juan Bautista de Anza Expedition come alive.

It can come alive for you, too. All you need to do is use your imagination to walk in the footsteps Anza. ❖

For more information

Dick Overturf: montanaturf@hotmail.com

Anza Trail Guide:

http://www.solideas.com/DeAnza/TrailGuide/San_Diego/index.html

Anza's letter from campsite: <http://www.theanzaletters.com/>

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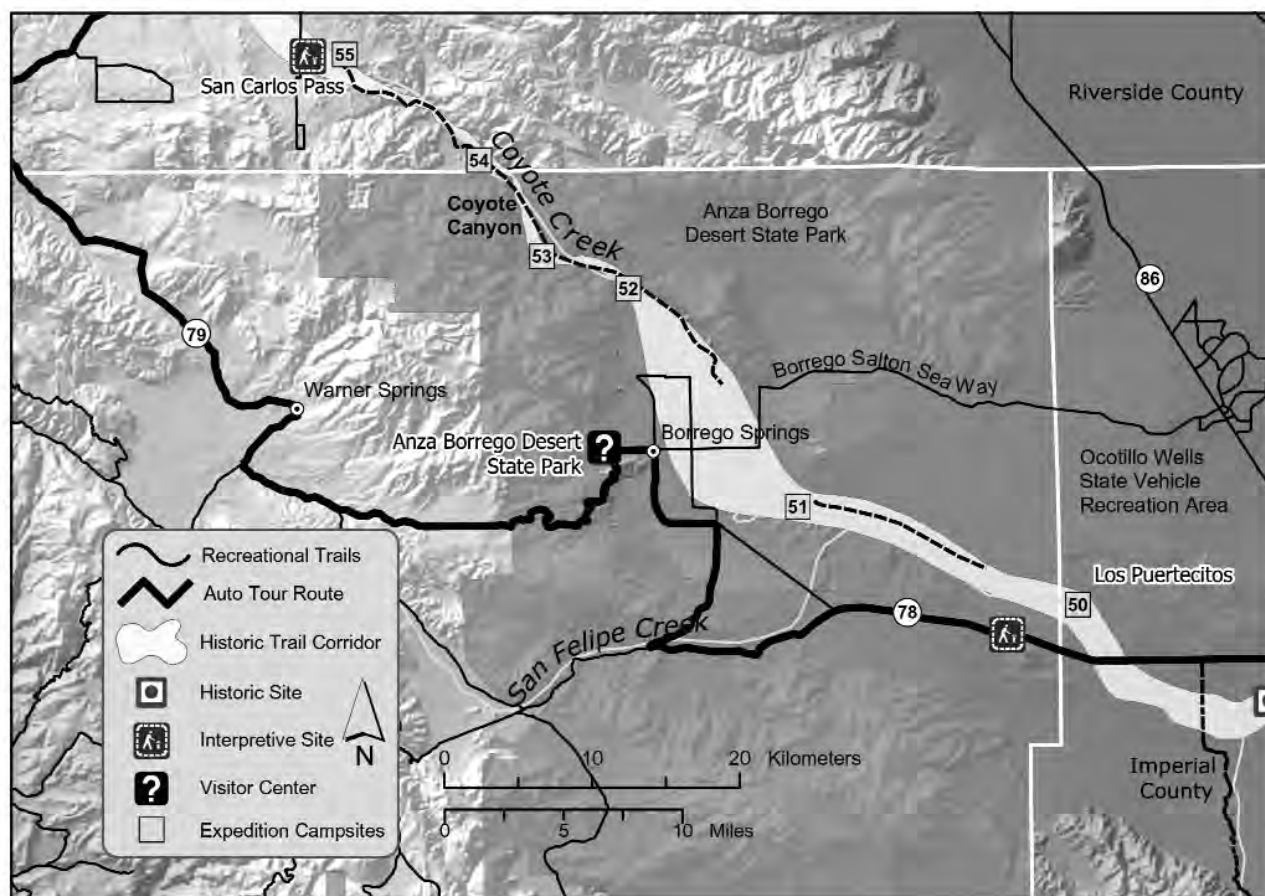
<http://www.nps.gov/juba/noticias13.html>

Diary entries: <http://anza.uoregon.edu/archives.html>

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park:

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=638

San Diego County – San Gregorio to Coyote Creek



The view from San Gregorio (Camp #51) north-west towards Anza-Borrego's Coyote Canyon.

photo by G. Smestad

Driving Directions for Auto Route

CA 78 parallels the San Felipe Wash, the historic trail's route. Follow it west to the Yaqui Pass/County Road S3 intersection and turn north. Turn left on Borrego Springs Road. Turn left on Palm Canyon Dr. to the visitor center for Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The auto route skirts around the park to rejoin the historic route at Bautista Canyon. From the visitor center, turn left on Montezuma Grande/County Road S22. Where county Roads S22 and S2 intersect, continue west on S2, and at the intersection of S2 with CA 79, turn north on CA 79 to Riverside county.

Hiking/Biking Ideas

At Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, a short segment of hiking trail exists in the southeast section of the park and passes near the *San Gregorio* marker. In the northwest section, a trail parallels Anza's route through Coyote Canyon and contains markers for several Anza campsites. Due to the intense heat, the trails are best enjoyed in Spring and Fall and with ample drinking water.



An Ocotillo plant in Borrego Springs welcomes you to the Anza-Borrego Desert

photo: Ron Ory

Desert Trek

From Christmas Circle in Borrego Springs, take Borrego Springs Rd. north to the Galleta Meadows Anza Memorial Plaque. Take the Henderson Canyon Rd. turnoff east to the Horse Camp. Continuing to Di Giorgio Rd., the paved road ends, but off-road vehicles can proceed to the gate at Middle Willows. Hikers, bikers and equestrians can go further to Upper Willows and camps in Riverside County. The trail along the Coyote Creek is often closed to protect the fragile ecosystem of the Bighorn sheep (Borrego) that give the park its name, so check with the Park's Visitor Center for details and updates.

About Your Visit to San Diego County

The expedition followed the San Felipe Creek (and Wash) from the marsh at San Sebastián to the Borrego Sink. Their horses and mules exhausted, some people continued on foot, and often there were two or three children on a horse. They opened wells at the Borrego Sink and continued onward under intense cold. Following the Coyote Creek, they passed into today's Anza-Borrego State Park and encountered people of the Cahuilla tribes.

Sites of Interest

A. Ocotillo Wells and Expedition Camps #50 and #51

After camping along a portion of the San Felipe Wash, they passed through a gap in the clay hills on December 19, 1775. Anza called the previous night's camp (at the Wash) *Los Puertecitos*, or the Little Pass. It is commemorated with California Historic Landmark No. 635, located on state highway 78, 1.6 miles east of the town of Ocotillo Wells. Nearby, the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area has a marked trail that allows hikers to explore the area. Continuing north-west, camp #51 was at *San Gregorio*, and is probably today's Borrego Sink located on another portion of the Wash about four miles south-east of the Borrego Valley airport. To the northwest of the airport, a peak named Font's Point can be seen that affords panoramic vistas of the expedition's path (access off of S-22).

B. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Expedition Camps #52 and #53

From December 20 to 22, 1775, camp (#52) was made along the Coyote Creek at *El Vado* (The Ford). With plentiful water from the creek and a little pasturage nearby, the animals recovered and the colonists could rest. Nearby, within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (33° 20.6'N, 116° 23.6'W) is found six miles northwest of Borrego Springs at the entrance to the Horse Camp. A short distance to the east is the Desert Gardens portion of the park created by the Anza-Borrego Foundation. Traveling up the creek and canyon, the expedition's next camp (#53) was at *Santa Catarina*, situated at Lower Willows (33° 22.28'N, 116° 26.38'W). The campsites are both marked with California Historic Landmark plaques. The park itself is approximately 600,000 acres and contains two stretches of Anza's route. These trails provide a rare opportunity to precisely follow in the footsteps of the expedition surrounded by terrain that has changed little since Anza's passage. Portions of the park's trails are open to 4-wheel drive vehicles from the south and north, but closed at Middle Willows, so there is no through-driving. The park's Visitor Center (200 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs) features interpretive exhibits on the desert environment and the local Native tribe.

C. Presidio of San Diego and Mission San Diego de Alcalá (Camp #67)

Although not an official part of the National Historic Trail, Anza, Font and a group of soldiers diverted here to offer their assistance after the expedition reached Mission San Gabriel (in Los Angeles). Members of the *Kumeyaay* (KumeYAAAY) tribe had revolted, killing a priest and had burned the Mission San Diego. While there (January 11-February 8), Font used his *Quadrant* to measure the altitude of the Sun and thus determine the latitude of the San Diego Presidio (32°44.5'N). Such readings, taken throughout the journey, were amazingly accurate and can be compared today using modern electronic Global Positioning Systems.

Learning On The Trail in San Diego County

Questions on the Trail



Font's Quadrant

was a protractor with a viewing tube on one side and a string (and weight) that pointed directly to the ground. From the angle of the sun in the sky and the date, the latitude was determined.

Drawing: Bill Singleton

On September 29, 1775, Father Font writes, "...with the *astronomical* Quadrant of the expedition...I calculated the latitudes by some tables...And finally, for the satisfaction of experts, in all the observations which I made, I shall record the meridian altitude of the lower limb of the sun which the quadrant showed according to the horizontal wire of its glass."

Q: When you are in the desert, why would it be especially important to know exactly where you are and where you are going? What is a Global Positioning System?



On the CD: Santa Catharina Springs

Coyote Springs and Coyote Creek. In what is today Anza-Borrego State Park, Anza and the colonists followed the Coyote Creek upstream along banks covered in cattails and willows. Near Camp #52, (December 21 and 22, 1775), women of the Cahuilla tribe fled when they saw the expedition, leaving their belongings. Anza returned the items when others of their tribe returned later. Camp #53 was at the springs itself, the major source of the creek. Coyotes, Peninsular Bighorn Sheep and other animals still depend upon this creek, and can find their way to it to drink and find food.

Photo by G. Smestad

Additional Resources

Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area – 172 Highway 78, P.O. Box 360, Borrego Springs, CA 92004; tel.: 760-767-5391, web: ohv.parks.ca.gov

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park – 200 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs CA 92004; tel.: 760-767-5311, web: parks.ca.gov

Anza-Borrego Foundation P.O. Box 2001, 595 Palm Canyon Drive, Suite A, Borrego Springs, CA 92004; tel.: 760-767-0446, web: theabf.org

San Diego Presidio Site and Junipero Serra Museum – 2727 Presidio Drive, Presidio Park San Diego, CA 92138; tel.: 619-297-3258, web: sandiegohistory.org

Mission San Diego de Alcala – 10818 San Diego Mission Rd., San Diego, CA 92108; tel.: 619-281-8449, web: missionsandiego.com

The Nautical Almanac, Astronomical Applications Department, U.S. Naval Observatory – 3450 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, DC 20392; tel.: 202-762-1617, web: //aa.usno.navy.mil

Celestial Observation Handbook and Ephemeris 310 E. 6th Street; Rolla, MO, 65401; tel.: 573-364-6362, web: rollanet.org/~eksi

Book review

***The Anza Trail and the Settling of California* by Vladimir Guerrero**

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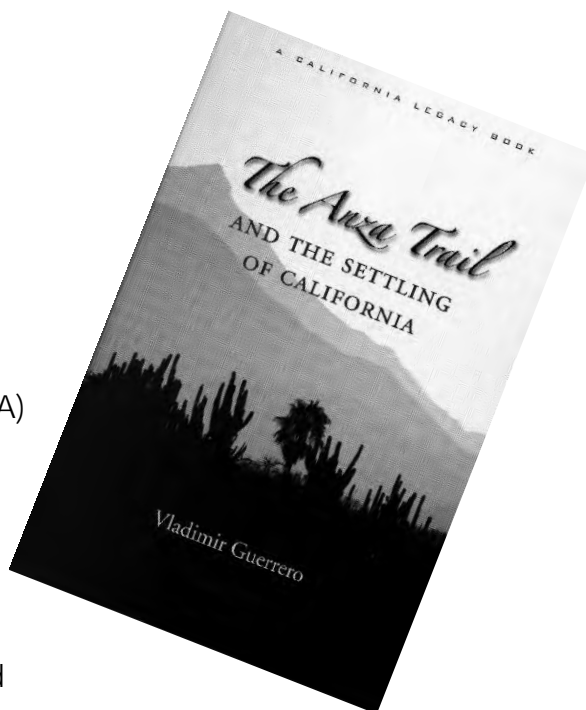
Dear Editors,

I have just finished reading Vladimir Guerrero's book, *The Anza Trail and the Settling of California*, and I believe you have a winner.

Dr. Guerrero's introduction is flawless, well written, and succinct. His hard hitting analysis of the treatment of Sebastian Tarabal is not only provocative, but heart wrenching. Superb and brilliantly stated, very few have taken this in-depth look at el Peregrino's life.

His focus on Palma's devotion to the Spanish since the time of Garces, rather than the time of the expeditions, has added another dimension to the story.

His exposé is historically accurate, beautifully written and superb in content, no doubt it will enlighten the reader like never before. ❖



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*Verdugo Adobe in Glendale, CA..
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Teodoro Verdugo Adobe

It has been 102 years since the last of the old Spanish ranchero dons, Teodoro Verdugo, died on June 3, 1904, grandson of Don Jose Maria Verdugo. His death photo was the first and last picture of him since he refused to be photographed.

The adobe was most likely built in 1860-65 for Verdugo's aunt. Today, it is owned by the City of Glendale and used by the park rangers. There are plans to turn it into a museum and have it open to the public. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. ❖



ANUNCIOS

July

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How Far, Felipe?: Tubac Center of the Arts, AZ

Performance based on book of same title. Summer art classes and activities for 6-15 year olds have been tied to the historic 1775-76 Anza Trail trek, which passed through Tubac. Classes will culminate with a presentation of the play. Artwork created by the students will be part of the play. For more information, call (520) 398-2371.

August

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Decommissioning of the Tubac Presidio: Tubac, AZ

10:00 am

Tubac Presidio State Historic Park

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National Park Service Founders Day

On this day in 1916 (90 years ago) President Woodrow Wilson signed the Organic Act, creating the National Park Service.

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National Park Service Launches New Websites

All National Park Service sites will be launching their newly designed webpages. Check out the Anza website at www.nps.gov/juba.

September No anuncios

October

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Reunion of Joaquin Castro Family Descendants: Santa Cruz, CA

Descendants of Joaquin Castro Family who came with Anza to Alta California. For information, call (831) 425-1524.

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Peralta Hacienda Historical Park Grand Opening: Oakland, CA

Noon-5:00 pm

2465 34th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601

Activities will include outdoor exhibits, children's crafts, live entertainment, costumed interpreters, tours of the restored 1870 Peralta House, indigenous peoples' ceremonies, and more. The park will unveil a 100 ft. long by 3 ft. thick adobe wall commemorating the Peralta Family rancho, the first European built structure in the East Bay. (510) 532-9142 or www.peraltahacienda.org.

21-22

Anza Days: Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, AZ

10:00-4:00pm

Annual celebration Juan Bautista de Anza historic trek from Tubac to found San Francisco. A living history event of the Indian, Mexican, and Spanish Colonial periods of Tubac. Enjoy "Los Tubaquenos," military demonstrations, folkloric dancers, ethnic music, and children's activities! For information, call (520) 398-2252 or www.azstateparks.com/Parks/parkhtml/tubac.html

See your announcement here! Send to margaret_styles@nps.gov.

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*The Newsletter of the Juan Bautista
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View from the Anza Trail



The Anza statue has been installed in San Francisco at Lake Merced and Sunset Blvd after a long hibernation. The statue was a gift to the city from Sonora, Mexico in 1967 and erected on the Embarcadero at Justin Herman Plaza. Due to plaza renovations after the 1989 earthquake, the statue was removed, and then disappeared from public view. The official dedication will be scheduled after the landscaping is completed.